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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Membership of the Association.

IN its annual report, published in the SUPPLEMENT of May 6th, the Council reported that the membership of the British Medical Association on December 31st, 1921, was 23,621. The membership figure is now 23,795.

The Annual Exhibition.

Arrangements are now complete for the Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, Electro-Medical Apparatus, Drugs, Foods, Books, and Medical Accessories, which is to be held in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, from Tuesday, July 25th, to Friday, July 28th, inclusive. Here members will find many things to interest them. Much ingenuity has been spent in bringing up to date the appliances, etc., which will be exhibited; many of the ideas are new, and this will be the first occasion on which they are submitted to the notice of the medical profession. It may also be of interest to members to know that the Medical Insurance Agency proposes to be represented in the exhibition, and advice on all kinds of insurance will be available. A great deal of time and labour has already been devoted to collecting together so large a display of appliances and therapeutical preparations of every kind, and it is hoped that all members attending the Glasgow Meeting will take this opportunity of informing themselves of the new appliances and preparations which are now at their disposal.

The Lister Ward at Glasgow.

An interesting addition has been made to one item of the programme of the Annual Meeting at Glasgow, printed in last week's SUPPLEMENT. On Wednesday afternoon, July 26th, during the entertainment of visitors at the Royal Infirmary, tea will be served at 4 o'clock in the Lister ward. An indication of the site of this memorial of Lister's work was given in the view of the new Glasgow Royal Infirmary quadrangle reproduced in the JOURNAL of June 3rd (p. 884). The old Lister ward is shown in the bottom left-hand corner of the picture.

Ebbw Vale.

Since the struggle between the Workmen's Committee and the local doctors began at Ebbw Vale on May 1st fourteen doctors have been imported into the district, of whom one was a woman. Five have left, including the medical woman. According to a newspaper report of the Ebbw Vale Education Committee, the Workmen's Committee (which formerly encouraged the Education Authority to send school children to the hospital of the society) is now anxious to get the Education Authority either to pay them for this work or to take the work away and appoint a specialist medical officer of their own. In the discussion one or two members of the authority mentioned the fact that they thought they were paying for these services by their subscriptions to the society, which has always encouraged its members to believe that it provided for them a very full medical service—much better than that provided by the average colliery doctor. If the Workmen's Committee succeeds in getting rid of its responsibilities to its subscribers for the treatment of their children's eyes the subscribers will have a good case for a decreased contribution.

Seamen's National Insurance Society.

The British Medical Association has just received from the Seamen's National Insurance Society a letter stating that a reduction of 6.6 per cent. on the current rates of the fees paid by it to medical practitioners became operative on July 1st, 1922. The Association was aware that the society was thinking of making a reduction, and had advised it that any reduction would be keenly resented by the profession. It was then pointed out that no increase had been made in their fees until January, 1919; that then only a 20 per cent. increase was made; and that it was not until April 1st, 1920, that the increase was brought up to 50 per cent. On these grounds the Association thought it was premature to reduce a fee which at no time was considered adequate. This was dealt with in para. 164 of the Annual Report of Council. The society has been informed by two of its medical officers that they refuse to continue to treat its members. This, in the circumstances, is not surprising. In view of the report of Council on this matter members should note that the reduction has not been agreed to centrally, and they should hold their hand before making any decision as to whether they will accept the reduced fees or not until the matter has received the full consideration of the Medico-Political Committee.

The Association's Minimum for Assistant School Medical Officers.

The *Birmingham Post* reports that at a meeting of the Birmingham Education Committee on June 30th, Mrs. George Cadbury, in bringing forward the report of the Hygiene Committee, pointed out that the Committee was in a difficulty by reason of the fact that the minimum salary of the school medical officers, as approved by the Salaries, Wages, and Labour Committee, fell below the standard set up by the British Medical Association. Some applications had been received from persons not sufficiently equipped for the purpose of the Committee, but it was unable to obtain suitable medical officers.

Willesden Medical Advisory Committee.

Six members of the Willesden Division of the British Medical Association, and six representatives of the Urban District Council, recently met in conference and recommended that, in the interest of the public health of Willesden, the local Advisory Medical Committee should be recognized by the Council. The Conference agreed that the duties of the Advisory Committee should be as follows:

(*a*) To advise the Council and the Education Committee, through the Health Committee and Children's Care Committee, upon any matter of public health which the Council or Education Committee may refer to the Advisory Committee.

(*b*) To bring to the notice of the Council and the Education Committee any matter affecting the public health of the district which may seem to require attention.

At its last meeting the Willesden Urban District Council accepted this recommendation, and resolved accordingly that the Medical Advisory Committee be recognized, and that its functions should be those agreed upon at the conference. The Education Committee also has accepted the recommendation. The constitution of this committee was mentioned in a Current Note on May 6th (p. 162).

Lending Library.

The Librarian will be glad to assist members of the Association in the selection of works to be sent them by post, in accordance with the arrangements for borrowing books that are notified each week on the last page of the SUPPLEMENT.

THE MEDICAL SERVICE IN THE WEST INDIES.

THE conditions of the Medical Service in the West Indies, and more particularly in the Leeward and Windward Islands, have caused the Dominions Committee of the British Medical Association increasing anxiety over a considerable period. These medical services are aptly called the Cinderellas of the Overseas Services, for they have had but small share in the general movement towards reconstruction and reform by which the African and Indian Medical Services have so largely benefited. Formal memorials, temperate in expression and urging only the most moderate and essential measures of amelioration, have lain unanswered at the Colonial Office for well over a year; individual cases of hardship taken up by the Association centrally, whilst they have been treated with sympathy, have been found to depend upon conditions of so general a nature that redress was impossible pending the introduction of radical reform. The main grievances which the Association has had to combat have been three: (1) total inadequacy of pay, aggravated by the enforcement of official tariffs for private fees; (2) the absence of any recognized system of promotion and facilities for leave or study; and (3) the imposition of new and onerous duties without additional remuneration. Effective action has invariably been hindered by the delay incident on the reference of special points to the Colonial Governments and by the fact that the duties and emoluments of any given post are subject to arbitrary variation by the governor, whilst the Colonial Office itself, in advertising vacancies, is unable to supply candidates with adequate information as to the conditions of service.

In these circumstances the Dominions Committee welcomed the announcement in November last of an official visit to the West Indies, confident that first-hand investigation of local conditions by one in such a responsible position as the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies would result in the vindication of the claims urged during the last two years. That confidence has, in the main, been justified by Mr. Wood's recommendations, of which a general account is given in the JOURNAL this week. The report shows an appreciation of local conditions at once shrewd and sympathetic, and whilst the recommendations for immediate action fall short in several respects of the fair claims of the officers concerned, the ultimate goal—namely, the unification of the West Indian Medical Service—is throughout kept well in sight. Moreover, the recommendations put forward are clearly in Mr. Wood's view not only urgent but immediately practicable. And this, having regard to the acute economic difficulties of the moment, is in itself no small advantage.

The main recommendations may be very briefly summarized as follows:

The initial salary for all medical appointments, which at present range from £315 a year, should be £400 a year, and this should rise by annual increments to £450, allowances for special duties being absorbed in substantive salaries so far as this limit permits. This scale should be supplemented when possible by an increase of £200 in the upper limit. A general minimum of £60 a year should be established for transport allowance on all salaries, irrespective of the manner in which travelling is done. After the completion of three years' service in the Leeward and Windward Islands the Governors of these Colonies should be prepared to place applications for transfer before the Governors of Trinidad and British Guiana. At least two supernumerary medical officers should be appointed in the Leeward Islands and two in the Windward Islands in order to enable leave to be granted without difficulty. Extra allowance should be granted in any case in which the work or responsibilities of a medical officer are materially increased through his being required to undertake duties not specified in the terms of his appointment or not customary locally at the time of his appointment. The Colonial Government should be asked to consider whether the work of the campaign against yaws in Grenada should not receive special recognition. Definite information as to the value of private practice in districts where such is available should be collected whether or not the districts are vacant, and should be annually revised by the local Government so as to be available for reference in connexion with vacancies filled from the United Kingdom. The local Governments should, so far as possible, make good the shortage of houses, charging a reasonable rent to the officers for the accommodation thus provided.

These recommendations, if adopted, will go far to remove the most pressing grievances of the service in the Windward and Leeward Islands, and accordingly the Committee has expressed its gratitude to Mr. Wood for the trouble he has taken in investigating the matters contained in his report, and its general satisfaction with the recommendations he has put forward to the Secretary of State. Certain points, however, are not satisfactory. In the first place it is to be regretted that the special difficulties of other services besides those in the Leeward and Windward Islands have not received closer consideration. For instance, Mr. Wood was unable to see the deputation from the medical officers of Jamaica which desired to submit certain very definite grievances for his consideration. Moreover, whilst the £400 initial salary is the amount actually asked for by the officers concerned, the maximum of £600 has long been regarded as essential and the indefinite postponing of its introduction is unfortunate. Then again, the general maximum transport allowance of £60 a year represents no advance in many cases where the existing allowance is demonstrably inadequate. These points will be the subject of strong representations to the Colonial Office.

It must not be forgotten in considering the advance actually achieved that Mr. Wood's recommendations are as yet recommendations only. Their effect will depend in part upon the reception accorded to them by the Colonial Office and in part on the local Governments. It is for the West Indian Branches to continue to exert such pressure as they can locally, whilst the Dominions Committee brings all possible pressure to bear on the Colonial Office. In this connexion the formation of a sound and well-informed parliamentary opinion is of no small importance, and the thanks of the Association are due to Dr. F. E. Fremantle, M.P., for the able manner in which he directed attention, in the discussion on the Colonial Office vote, to the responsibility of the Colonial Office in connexion with the public health problems of the colonies, and to the claims of the Overseas Medical Services.

HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT.

THE Voluntary Hospitals Commission, having been asked by several local hospital committees for some general suggestions as to the tests of efficiency in hospital management, and the points to which attention might most profitably be directed, has issued a pamphlet, *Notes on Hospital Management*,[1] for the guidance of such committees.

The Commission recognizes the impossibility of laying down hard and fast rules applicable to all cases, since the term "hospital" covers a variety of institutions, ranging from the medical school hospital with 1,000 beds to a cottage hospital with 10 beds. The object of these Notes is therefore to summarize the generally accepted principles followed by the most experienced and successful hospital administrators. Any rules laid down must in the nature of things need some modification to meet local conditions. In the compilation of the Notes the Commission has had the assistance of Colonel

[1] V. H. Cmn. 6. H.M. Stationery Office. Price 3d. net.

R. J. S. Simpson; Mr. J. G. T. Buckle, Secretary, University College Hospital; Mr. E. W. Morris, House Governor, London Hospital; and Mr. R. Orde, House Governor, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The first paragraph opens with the statement that as regards lay administrators there is nothing in the management of a hospital which sets it apart from any form of commercial undertaking. The committee should therefore, if possible, include a member with the same special knowledge of the details of catering and management (as distinct from medical treatment and nursing) as the managing director of a company has of his special work; in any case in a large hospital one of the staff should possess some special qualifications of this kind. Supervision of all details of expenditure should be carried out by this officer.

The general relations between the Committee of Management and the medical staff are regarded as falling outside the scope of these Notes; but mention is made of the difficulties which occasionally arise between a committee and its medical members upon questions vitally affecting expenditure.

"Apart from the control of the routine consumption, these usually concern new apparatus or even the development of a department for new methods of diagnosis or of treatment. New methods of diagnosis are, on the whole, of less financial importance. Every hospital must have access to some laboratory or *x*-ray clinic. Whether or not it has a laboratory of its own and an *x*-ray outfit depends on its number and class of patients and on the other facilities which may be available. Where different hospitals are conveniently situated in relation to one another the work and expense may sometimes be distributed between them, and where practicable this course should be followed. Experience has shown that one central hospital could very well do all that was needed in this way for a considerable number of smaller hospitals. There are many laboratories available which undertake the necessary work on payment. The decision rests largely on relative costs, but it should be borne in mind that a certain proportion of cases cannot be sent out of the hospital for diagnosis. The question of new methods of treatment is on a different footing. Experience shows that new methods, though they may attain for a time a high degree of popularity, have often only a short life. Further, they may involve increase in staff and expensive equipment. Hence where restriction of expenditure is essential, time should be allowed for the new method to prove its value. The largest hospitals, especially those with medical schools, must incur expenditure on experimental work; but the smaller hospitals would be well advised to defer adopting new and costly equipment until its value has been fully established. Every effort should be made to secure the co-operation of the medical staff in the control of expenditure, and the risk of friction between them and the Committee of Management will be largely overcome if they are represented on the House and Finance Committee and other sub-committees and so brought into direct touch with the revenue and expenditure of the hospital."

In regard to the keeping down of expenditure generally, a system of rationing departments is held to be valuable, if only as a moral factor. While the extent to which it pays to elaborate the machinery of financial control must depend upon the size of the hospital, even the smallest cottage hospitals are advised to prepare an annual budget and to compare it every quarter with the actual expenditure. The Commission hopes to produce shortly a system of uniform accounts suitable for each class of hospital. Nevertheless, a low average cost per bed in any one hospital may conceal the fact that extravagance is going on in some ward or department: "Cheapness is not necessarily a test of efficient management, and a low cost per bed may be obtained at the expense of the patients." Discussing administration in general, it is insisted that all expenditure should come under the control of an administrator specially qualified for that purpose and (except in the very small institutions) distinct from the technical and scientific staff of the hospital.

The remaining eight pages of the pamphlet are devoted to a detailed consideration of methods of controlling expenditure in the several departments of a hospital's work. The hints given under the various items of expenditure should prove of value even to experienced administrators. Most of these are outside our immediate province, but we may note the following paragraph on drugs in the section headed 'Surgery and Dispensary":

"Stock mixtures should be used as far as possible; they save time, and reduce the stock of drugs to be maintained. The formulae by which they are compounded may often be revised with advantage. Many of these formulae were written a good many years ago; advances in pharmacology and improvements in trade preparations have now made it possible to obtain an equivalent combination at less than the cost of the original. A trained pharmacologist (a medical man) should be consulted on this point, who might also be asked to draw up a list of expensive drugs which should not be used except on the special order of a member of the medical staff."

British Medical Association.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Council that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Association will be held in the Bute Hall of the University of Glasgow, in the City of Glasgow, on Friday, the 21st day of July, 1922, at 4.45 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined Resolutions for altering the Articles of Association will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions.

Article 1.

1. That in Article 1 there be inserted immediately after the paragraph defining "Division" and "Branch" a new paragraph to read as follows:

"'Branch Council' or 'Council of a Branch' when used in relation to a Corporate Branch (as hereinafter defined) means the Governing Body of that Branch by whatever name the same may be called."

Article 3.

2. That in Article 3 there be substituted for the words, from "of the qualifications" to "United Kingdom" (both inclusive) the words:

"qualification entitling him to be so registered and any Medical Practitioner residing within the area of any Branch of the Association not in the United Kingdom."

Article 7.

3. That in Article 7 the word "Council" with which the Article concludes be deleted.

Article 11.

4. That the heading "Formation" immediately preceding Article 11 be deleted.

5. That in the said Article the figure "(1)" be inserted immediately after the Number 11.

6. That there be added to the said Article two new sub-paragraphs to read as follows:

"(2) Each Division shall have a local area to be determined as hereinafter provided and a Branch shall be a Division or a group of Divisions."

"(3) Provided that no body of Members shall be finally recognized as a Division or Branch until they shall have adopted Rules of Organization and the current Rules Governing Procedure in Ethical Matters and such Rules shall have been approved by the Council."

7. That there be inserted immediately after Article 11 new headings and a new Article (herein referred to as Article 11*a*) to read as follows:

"BRANCHES NOT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"*Incorporation.*

"11*a*.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, it shall be competent for the Members of a Branch not in the United Kingdom to procure themselves to be incorporated (in accordance with the law in force in the area of the Branch) under a name indicating that the Body so incorporated is a Branch of the Association. A Branch so incorporated is hereinafter referred to as a Corporate Branch.

"(2) The objects, powers, and obligations of a Corporate Branch, as defined by its Memorandum of Association, shall coincide with the objects, powers, and obligations of the Association as similarly defined, with such variations only as the Association shall approve.

"(3) The membership of a Corporate Branch (save as otherwise provided by paragraph (2) of Article 4 hereof) shall be strictly confined by its Articles of Association to Members of the Association, and it shall be thereby provided that any Member of the Corporate Branch shall, upon ceasing to be a Member of the Association, *ipso facto* and immediately cease to be a Member of such Branch.

"(4) The Corporate Branch shall not be deemed to be an agent for, and shall have no power to impose any responsibility, or liability on, or to pledge the credit of the Association in respect of any acts, expenses, matters or things done or incurred by the Corporate Branch, and the Articles of Association of such Branch shall contain a provision to that effect in such form as may be approved by the Association.

"(5) The drafts of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Corporate Branch shall, before the incorporation thereof, be submitted to the Association for approval, and such incorporation shall not be effected except under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which have been so approved.

"(6) The Corporate Branch shall immediately upon the incorporation thereof enter into an Agreement with the Association to the effect mentioned in the By-laws.

"(7) The Corporate Branch shall, before effecting any alteration in its Memorandum or Articles of Association submit the same to the Association for approval, and shall not effect the same unless such approval shall have been obtained, and shall also transmit to the Association at the Head Office once in every year true and complete copies of its Memorandum and Articles of Association for the time being in force.

"(8) In this Article the expression 'Memorandum of Association' shall include any Charter or other instrument of foundation of the Corporate Branch, and the expression 'Articles of Association' shall include any similar regulations for the government of such Branch."

Article 12.

8. That the following heading be inserted immediately before Article 12:

"Formation, alteration, dissolution, etc., of Branches and Divisions."

9. That the whole of paragraph (1) of the said Article and the numeral "(2)" in line 4 thereof and the word "calendar" in the last line but three thereof be deleted.

10. That there be added at the end of the said Article, after the word "proposed," the following words:

"and in the case of a Corporate Branch no alteration in the boundaries or area thereof or of any Division thereof shall be made without the consent of that Branch."

Article 13.

11. That the heading "Boundaries" immediately preceding Article 13 be deleted.

12. That there be inserted immediately after Article 13 two new Articles (herein referred to as Articles 13*a* and 13*b* respectively) and a heading to read as follows:

"13*a*. It shall be competent for the Association by resolution of the Council and by giving not less than six months' notice in writing to the Branch concerned, to dissolve any unincorporate Branch and to exclude any Corporate Branch from continuing to be a Branch of the Association."

"*Federal Councils.*

"13*b*. Federal Councils representative of the Branches in any area outside the United Kingdom defined and approved by the Council may be formed in the manner and for the purposes specified in the By-laws."

Or in the alternative to read as follows:

"13*a*. It shall be competent for the Association by resolution of the Representative Body on the report of the Council and by giving not less than six months' notice in writing to the Branch concerned to dissolve any unincorporate Branch and to exclude any Corporate Branch from continuing to be a Branch of the Association."

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Article 15.

13. That there be added at the end of Article 15, after the word "expedient," the following words:

"but so that in the case of Members of a Corporate Branch such obligations shall not conflict with any obligations imposed by such Branch."

Article 28.

14. That in Article 28 there be inserted immediately after the words "composed of" at the end of the fourth line thereof the following words:

"the Chairman and the immediate Past-Chairman of the Representative Body *ex officio* and of"

Article 31.

15. That in line 1 of paragraph (a) and in lines two, seven, and eight of paragraph (f) of Article 31 there be substituted for the words "three months" the words "one month."

Article 32.

16. That Article 32 be altered so as to read as follows:

"The Council shall be composed of the President of the Association, the President-Elect, the Past-President, the Chairman, the immediate Past-Chairman, and the Deputy Chairman of the Representative Body, the Chairman and the immediate Past-Chairman of Council, the Treasurer and (during the year immediately following his period of office as Treasurer) the Past-Treasurer *ex officio*, and of the Members of the Association elected by the bodies, and in the manner prescribed in that behalf by the By-laws."

Article 36.

17. That in Article 36 there be substituted for the words "of Representative Meetings" the words "and a Deputy Chairman of the Representative Body."

18. That there be inserted in the fifth line of the said Article after the word "shall" the words "be elected in such manner and shall."

[NOTE.—*The left marginal numbers affixed to the resolutions are for purposes of reference merely.*]

Should the above Resolutions or any of them be passed by the requisite majority the same will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions or a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held at the Head Office of the Association, No. 429, Strand, London, on Tuesday the 8th day of August 1922 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming as Special Resolutions or a Special Resolution such of the above Resolutions set forth as shall have been so passed.

Dated this third day of July 1922.

By Order of the Council,

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

429, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Association Notices.

TABLE OF DATES.

July 21, Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting, Glasgow, 10 a.m. Nominations for election of 12 Members of Council by grouped Representatives to be received (at A.R.M., Glasgow) by 11 a.m. on this date. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in Bute Hall, The University, Glasgow, *re* alteration of Articles of Association, 4.45 p.m.
July 25, Tues.	The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Bute Hall, The University, Glasgow, at 2 p.m. Business: (1) Minutes of last meeting; (2) appointment of auditors; (3) report of election of President for year 1923–24.

ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary.*

FORMATION OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY, AND JERSEY, DIVISIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council to all concerned that, as a result of a proposal made by the members of the Association resident in Jersey, the Council has decided that as from the date of publication of this notice there shall be 2 (instead of 1) Divisions for the area of the Channel Islands, as follows:

1. Guernsey and Alderney Division,
2. Jersey Division,

the areas of the new Divisions to be coterminous with the areas of the Islands of Guernsey and Alderney, and Jersey, respectively.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

ESSEX BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Essex Branch will be held at 2.30 p.m. at the Palace Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on July 14th; lunch at 1.30 p.m. Dr. Charles Forsyth, President of the Branch, will read a paper on "Some remarks on tuberculosis and milk," and Mr. P. Jenner Verrall, F.R.C.S., will give an address on "Minor traumatic disabilities of the upper limb." By the kind invitation of the President members will be entertained to tea after the meeting. The Branch Council will meet before the lunch.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, on Thursday, July 20th, at 4.30 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers; any other business. The Executive Committee will meet at 4 p.m., prior to the above meeting.

SUSSEX BRANCH: CHICHESTER AND WORTHING DIVISION.—A meeting of the Chichester and Worthing Division will be held at the Worthing Hospital on Tuesday, July 18th, at 4 p.m., at which clinical cases will be shown. A second meeting will be held at Warne's Hotel on the same day at 6.30 p.m., at which the Representative will receive final instructions for the Glasgow conference of Representatives. This will be followed by a dinner at 7.30, the cost of which, exclusive of wine, is 7s. 6d.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HARROGATE DIVISION.—The Chairman, Dr. Greenwood, is inviting medical practitioners, each with a lady, to meet at Fountains Abbey, Ripon, between 4 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19th. Tea at half-past 4.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: BATH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Bath Division was held on June 22nd, when Dr. A. E. NORBURN was in the chair.

The following officers were elected for 1922–23:

Chairman: Dr. N. Lavers. *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. A. E. Norburn. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* Mr. W. G. Mumford. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. N. Lavers. *Deputy Representative:* Dr. R. G. Gordon.

The reports of the Executive Committee and of the Central Council were discussed and approved.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman entertained the members and their wives at tea.

BRITISH GUIANA BRANCH.

A MEETING of the British Guiana Branch was held on March 22nd, 1922, with Dr. A. T. OZZARD, the President, in the chair. There were present thirteen members. Seven clinical cases were shown and discussed. Included among them was a case shown by Dr. DELGADO illustrating Steinach's rejuvenation experiment. This was done on an East Indian, aged 53, who was admitted for right inguinal hernia. He had been impotent for three years. Both testicles small and somewhat atrophied. At the operation for the hernia (done by Dr. Craigen) a double ligature was placed at the junction of the caput of epididymis and the lower pole of testicle, and section of comi vasculosi. The patient did not know of this part of the operation. Healing was by first intention. After two and a half months patient put on 10 lb. in weight, sexual desire and capacity were present; wrinkles disappearing from face. Blood pressure before operation was 150, systolic now 135. He was still under observation, and further experiments would be done as cases become available.

A meeting was held on April 26th, when fifteen members were present, and Dr. OZZARD delivered his Presidential address entitled "Our medical and health problems." He dealt with the subject under the following heads: (*a*) Malaria; (*b*) filariasis; (*c*) ankylostomiasis; (*d*) bowel diseases; (*e*) infantile mortality; (*f*) public health. A discussion followed in which Dr. W. J. WINCKLER remarked that Dr. Ozzard had not mentioned venereal disease, and this was of such importance that some steps should be taken to form a venereal clinic. Dr. DELGADO stated that of male medical admissions in the hospital over 70 per cent. admitted for other diseases were suffering from venereal, chiefly gonorrhoea; 10 per cent. of active cases had been found in the native police force at a recent inspection. It was unanimously decided that a letter signed by all medical men should be forwarded to the Government urging the starting of a clinic and the appointment of a medical officer for venereal diseases. A discussion also took place on the advisability of admission into the Civil Service of candidates showing enlarged groin glands, probably of filarial origin, and whether operation was advisable.

ESSEX BRANCH: NORTH-EAST ESSEX DIVISION.

A MEETING of the North-East Essex Division was held on June 6th. The annual report was adopted and the following officers were elected for 1922–23:—*Chairman:* Dr. Ben Hall, Colchester. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. J. P. Charnock, 42, West Stockwell Street, Colchester. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. Agnes Escourt-Oswald, Colchester.

It was resolved to hold a luncheon at the Red Lion Hotel early in October to discuss the work for the winter.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE seventieth annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch was held on June 23rd, when Dr. H. B. BRACKENBURY, President of the Branch, was in the chair. The following officers were declared elected for 1922–23:

President: Mr. N. Bishop Harman. *President-elect:* Dr. Charles Sanders. *Past President:* Dr. H. B. Brackenbury. *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. J. H. Hildige, Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, Mr. Herbert Tanner, and Dr. C. F. T. Scott. *Honorary Treasurer:* Mr. Comyns Berkeley. *Honorary Secretaries:* Dr. F. W. Goodbody and Dr. W. E. A. Worley.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr. C. SANDERS, the annual report of the Branch Council and financial statement for 1921–22 was adopted without discussion.

The report of the four Representatives of the Branch on the Central Council for the year 1921–22 was received.

The CHAIRMAN in introducing his successor, Mr. Bishop Harman, said they were all agreed that no one during recent years had done so much for the appropriate consideration of those matters which interested the profession than Mr. Bishop Harman, and there was no one more worthy to occupy the Presidential Chair into which he had the greatest pleasure to induct him.

Mr. BISHOP HARMAN then took the chair and delivered his Presidential Address entitled "London: the Triumph of Medicine," which was published in the SUPPLEMENT of July 1st, page 2.

Dr. SANDERS, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Brackenbury for his services in the chair during the past year, said that Dr. Brackenbury had loyally served his colleagues, the Branch Council, and the Council, and soon hoped to serve his country. He drew attention to his work on behalf of the general practitioners, especially during the passing of the National Insurance Act, and said that there was scarcely any subject of difficulty which affected the Branch Council or the Association but what they could always turn to Dr. Brackenbury for profitable advice and help.

The vote was cordially agreed to and Dr. BRACKENBURY returned thanks.

Dr. C. O. HAWTHORNE moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Bishop Harman for his address, which was duly carried, and the meeting terminated.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CHELSEA DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Chelsea Division was held at the Fulham Town Hall on June 28th, when Dr. JACKSON was in the chair. Dr. A. S. WOODWARK, C.M.G., C.B.E., read a paper on organotherapy; this was followed by a discussion, in which a number of members joined.

NORFOLK BRANCH: EAST NORFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of the East Norfolk Division was held in the Medical Library, Norwich, on July 5th, when Dr. TURNER BELDING was in the chair.

On the motion of the SECRETARY, seconded by the CHAIRMAN, Dr. D. G. Thomson, who no longer resides within the area of the Division, was elected an Associate Member.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. Belding. *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. Owens. *Secretary:* N. S. Carruthers.

Dr. THOMSON explained the report of Council on the revision of the constitution and machinery of the Association and the Annual Report of Council.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Northern Counties of Scotland Branch was held at Strathpeffer Spa on June 24th, when Dr. KENNETH GILLIES (Inverness), President, was in the chair.

The following office-bearers were elected:

President: Dr. Kenneth Gillies (Inverness). *President-elect:* Dr. MacLachlan (Dornoch). *Vice-President:* Dr. John Taylor (Elgin). *Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers:* Dr. D. MacFadyen, Dr. J. Munro Moir.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting of the Branch at Dornoch in January, 1923. Instructions were given to the Representatives in connexion with the Representative Meeting at Glasgow. Dr. DREVER, the Scottish Medical Secretary, attended the meeting and gave an address on several subjects which fall to be discussed at the Representative Meeting in July.

Through the courtesy of Sir George Hastings, Strathpeffer Spa Syndicate, members and their friends had an opportunity of inspecting the baths, and the gardens, tennis courts, and bowling greens were open for the use of members and their friends. The Committee of the Strathpeffer Golf Club extended the courtesy of the greens to the members, and a friendly match was engaged in. The members and the ladies accompanying them had luncheon at the Highland Hotel, Strathpeffer Spa, where a pleasant afternoon was spent. Motor drives to the Falls of Rogie were arranged, while others indulged in walks in the neighbourhood. All agreed that this meeting, held at the foot of Ben Wyvis amidst beautiful surroundings on an ideal midsummer day, had been thoroughly successful.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the North Lancashire and South Westmorland Branch was held at Calgarth Hospital, Windermere, on June 22nd.

The following officials were elected:

President: Dr. Chapman. *President-elect:* Dr. Johnston (Ravenglass). *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. Rutherford, Mr. A. T. Barling. *Honorary Treasurer:* Dr. W. D. Barrow. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. Livingston.

President's Address on Birth Control.

Dr. CHAPMAN thanked the members for the honour of electing him president. He said the thanks of the Branch were due to Mr. Hough, and through him to Mr. Hedley, for allowing them to meet at the Calgarth Hospital. He gave a short presidential address on "Birth control." He began with the proposition that quality in a race is of more importance than quantity. There was no gain in increasing birth rate unless we diminished death rate. With control a decreased birth rate often was followed by an increased population. Rate of increase depended on the power of supplying a population, not producing it. A fall of death rate to that of a sufficiently fed population should reach the rate of 9 per 1,000 per annum. It was to be regretted that fall of birth rate should predominate in the educated. Early wedlock and reduction of families were advocated. By a small family was meant three to five—not the one-child family, which was to be deprecated. Early marriage and control tended to lessen immorality and prostitution, as self-control in youth had a breaking point. Birth control did not mean diminished morality. All civilization involved an ever-increasing forethought for others, even for others yet unborn. The application of conception control should be determined by the advice of the family doctor. Birth control had come to stay. Generally speaking birth control before the first child was undesirable. The answer to the question "Is birth control harmful?" might be obtained from the study of the number and distribution of the children of the professional classes. In conclusion, the President said: "I know no profession better qualified than our own to consider without preconceived bias these aspects, no profession less hidebound by dogma, and therefore more competent to deal with these difficulties."

Orthopaedic Methods.

Dr. SOMERVELL read a paper on and demonstrated "Modern orthopaedic methods." He said that the importance of the subject might be gathered from the fact that a recent textbook extended to 700 pages. These cases could not be treated by routine, but each case had to be studied separately. As soon as a case was admitted all points should be noted. Short cuts towards cure were to be deprecated. At one time many cases of tuberculous disease of joints ended in amputation. Then excision was practised, but now rest and non-operative methods were in use, and it was to H. Owen Thomas we owed this. Tuberculous cases did not heal quickly, but with patience even advanced cases did very well. Cure consisted of sound bony ankylosis in a useful position. Dr. Somervell mentioned three cases: (1) Child with tuberculous disease of knee-joint, now with a very useful limb after eighteen months. (2) Knee in which the disease was limited to synovial membrane. These cases were treated by extension on Thomas's splint—by means of plaster to which was attached lampwick, which was found to be better than any other form of material as it did not tear and did not stretch. (3) Tuberculous disease of hip in which the head of femur had almost completely melted away. Abduction to angle of 30° to 40° to begin with was essential. In treating rickets often the deformity was well treated but not the disease, so that other deformities arose.

The various forms of flat-foot were mentioned, and a rapid method of treating spasmodic flat-foot was described. In regard to infantile paralysis, all those who treated acute anterior poliomyelitis were responsible for the prevention of deformities. Ultimate loss of power of some muscles could not be prevented by any known method, but deformities could and should be prevented. Muscles should not be allowed to stretch, and unopposed muscles should not be permitted to produce deformity. The acute stage might be reckoned to occupy anything up to eight weeks, and the stage of recovery up to two years. Various ingenious splints, callipum, and supports were shown, and the method of applying plaster-of-Paris was demonstrated. A plaster cast of a rare condition of pure talipes equinus was shown.

Tea was provided by the President, who also entertained the ladies and put a motor boat at their disposal on Lake Windermere.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Buckinghamshire Division was held at the Crown Hotel, Aylesbury, on June 30th. The following officers were elected for the year:

Chairman: Dr. H. Rose (Wendover). *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. Harwood-Yarred (High Wycombe). *Secretary and Treasurer:* Dr. T. Perrin.

The annual report presented by the committee was adopted. The Report of the Central Council was further considered and instructions were given to Dr. Rose, the representative, on certain matters.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: WEST CORNWALL DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the West Cornwall Division was held at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary on June 20th, when the Chairman, Dr. H. C. SHARP, presided.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. E. C. Edwards. *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. B. J. Mayne. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* Dr. F. Rees. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. F. Rees. *Deputy Representative:* Dr. J. H. Hood.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the retiring chairman. A paper on "Indigestion" was delivered by Dr. L. C. PANTING, F.R.C.S.

SUSSEX BRANCH.

THE ninth annual meeting of the Sussex Branch was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on July 5th. The following were elected officers for the year 1922–3:

President: Dr. George Morgan. *President-elect:* Sir C. O'Brien Harding, J.P. *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. Frank Hinds and Dr. Muir-Smith, J.P. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer* (from August 1st, 1922): Dr. L. A. Parry.

The President having been inducted to the chair, a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Hinds for his services as president during the past year was carried with applause. The annual report and financial statement were approved. A vote of thanks to Dr. Daldy for his services as honorary secretary and treasurer for the past seven years was proposed, carried with applause, and gratefully acknowledged. The President, Dr. MORGAN, read a paper on swellings and sinuses in the necks of children. In proposing and seconding a vote of thanks to Dr. Morgan for his paper, Mr. SANDERSON and Mr. FITZMAURICE-KELLY commented on and discussed it.

Before the meeting the President-elect, Dr. Morgan, entertained to luncheon, in the banqueting room of the Royal Pavilion, the mayors of Brighton and Hove, the vicar of Brighton, the minister of Clifton Road Church, the director of the Royal Pavilion, and fifty-two Sussex members of the Association. A vote of thanks to Dr. Morgan for his hospitality was proposed by Sir C. O'BRIEN HARDING, seconded by the MAYOR OF BRIGHTON, and passed with acclamation.

After the meeting, the Director, Mr. H. D. ROBERTS, gave an address on the history of the Royal Pavilion, and then conducted the members through the rooms explaining the various points of interest. The members subsequently adjourned to the restaurant on the Palace Pier, where the Executive Committee of the Brighton Division entertained them to tea.

At the meeting of the Branch Council, before the annual general meeting, the PRESIDENT, on behalf of the members, made a presentation of an electric ophthalmoscope and an inscribed salad bowl to Dr. A. M. Daldy, on the occasion of his resignation of the honorary secretaryship after seven years' tenure of the office. Dr. DALDY warmy thanked the members for their kind action and handsome testimonial.

SUSSEX BRANCH: HASTINGS DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Hastings Division was held on June 29th at the Eversfield Hotel, St. Leonards, when Mr. D. LIGAT took the chair. The present system of treatment adopted at the school clinics of the borough was criticized as being overdone, and the meeting elected a subcommittee to go into the matter. With regard to newspaper insurances and fees for medical certificates, it was agreed that a fee of 5s. be charged for such certificates. The scale of fees for administering gas or ether to insured persons having teeth extracted by dentists under the scheme of certain approved societies was fixed at 7s. 6d. for gas, the dentist providing the gas, and 21s. for ether, the doctor supplying the ether. With reference to the fees for examination of intending emigrants, a resolution was passed that in a large number of cases it was very hard that the applicant should have to pay the fee, and asks the Association when discussing the matter with the Directors of Migration to consider this.

Instructions for the Division's Representative at the Annual Representative Meeting were settled. A handicap golf tournament, open to all members of the Division, was arranged to take place on the Hastings Links in the autumn, Mr. Ligat very kindly offering two prizes. An appeal for the Russian doctors gathered in 50s.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: SALISBURY DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of the Salisbury Division was held at the Infirmary on May 31st, when Dr. THORNTON was in the chair.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. G. E. Thornton. *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. G. C. Adeney. *Secretary:* Dr. R. C. Monnington. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. C. E. S. Flemming. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. J. E. Gordon.

A vote of thanks to outgoing chairman and secretary, with special reference to the war work carried out by the latter, was carried by acclamation. The financial statement showing a balance was presented and approved.

It was unanimously decided to give a donation of £1 1s. to the Salisbury Infirmary.

In connexion with the matters referred to Divisions it was agreed on the motion of Dr. ARMITAGE, seconded by Dr. GORDON, "That the recommendations of Council be adopted."

Other business: A general desire was expressed for the revival of the pre-war clinical meetings, and the Executive Committee was asked to arrange a meeting as soon as possible after the second week of September. Clinical material and cases were shown or reported by Drs. Bardsley, Fison, Thornton, Luckham and Willcox.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch was held at the General Hospital, Hereford, on June 28th. Dr. Dennis Fitch was elected President for 1923–4. Dr. Butler was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

In response to the appeal from headquarters to help starving Russian doctors the sum of £4 was collected. The financial report of the Branch, showing a balance of £8 13s. 11d., was presented and passed. Dr. HOLBECHE then vacated the chair and introduced his successor, Dr. L. B. Green (Ross).

Dr. HOLBECHE read a paper entitled "Some past and present experiences in medicine and surgery," which was most interesting, amusing, and instructive.

On the motion of Dr. HERBERT JONES, seconded by Dr. L. STRETTON, a very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Dr. Holbeche, not only for the paper, but also for his many valued services to the Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch of the Association. At the close of the meeting Dr. GREEN expressed the pleasure of the Branch in having amongst them that day as an honoured guest Dr. Ewart, consulting physician of St. George's. The members adjourned to tea at the Nurses' Home.

Insurance.

LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

AT the June meeting of the London Panel Committee, Dr. H. J. CARDALE presiding, certain resolutions were agreed to for inclusion in the agenda of the annual Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees. One of these instructed the Insurance Acts Committee to negotiate the inclusion of a pensions scheme in any new arrangement as to the terms of insurance service with the Ministry of Health. Another expressed the view that the time had arrived for the establishment of a whole-time executive committee under the control of the Insurance Acts Committee, seeing that it was unreasonable to expect a voluntary body to afford adequate protection of the interests of the medical profession engaged in insurance practice. A third laid it down that where the personnel of the Panel Committee and the Local Medical Committee for an insurance area were identical, the Panel Committee should be empowered to exercise all the rights and duties of the Local Medical Committee.

Capitation Fee for Drugs Supplied by Practitioners.—It was also agreed by the Committee to include among the resolutions to be

sent up to the annual Conference one pointing out the inadequacy of the capitation fee of 1s. 3d. per 100 insured persons for drugs not specially scheduled supplied by practitioners, and urging, further, that the schedule of drugs and appliances which were excluded from those in respect to which a capitation rate was payable was incomplete and should be brought up to date.

The Medical Service Subcommittee.—The Panel Committee has been devoting considerable attention to the constitution and procedure of the Medical Service Subcommittee of the Insurance Committee, and some time ago appointed a section to consider the matter. As a result the Insurance Committee is to be asked to appoint representatives to meet representatives of the Panel Committee to discuss certain suggested alterations. The Panel Committee has resolved to approach the Ministry of Health with a view to ascertaining whether payment of out-of-pocket expenses of the medical members of the subcommittee may be made from the funds of the Panel Committee. It also proposes that the procedure in hearing cases be amended in certain particulars, chiefly with a view to dispensing with the personal attendance of parties, where written statements can properly be taken instead. It is also urged that a second subcommittee is necessary in view of the size of the London area.

Pensions Certificates.—The Panel Committee concurred in a proposal of the Insurance Committee to make representations to the Ministry of Health that in cases where a practitioner is required to furnish certificates to an insured person who, under instruction from the local Pensions Committee, is receiving treatment at a hospital quite apart from any action taken by the practitioner in attendance, the insurance practitioner responsible for the issue of certificates should be informed of the fact that the insured person had been referred to a hospital for special treatment and should be given facilities to furnish him with proper certificates of incapacity, or, alternatively, that arrangements should be made for the certificates to be given at the hospital or other centre where the insured person is obtaining treatment.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following announcements are notified by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Commanders G. G. Vickery, O.B.E., to the *Coventry* as Squadron Medical Officer; G. P. Adshead to the *Diomede* on commissioning; A. R. H. Skey to the *Queen Elizabeth* and as Fleet Medical Officer. Surgeon Lieutenant Commander M. J. Aitken to the *Diomede* on commissioning. Surgeon Lieutenant J. F. H. Gaussen transferred to the permanent list.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of April 25th, placing Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Anderson, C.M.G., on the half-pay list, is cancelled.

Major R. V. Cowey, D.S.O., relinquishes the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The following officers retire on retired pay: Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Sir A. L. A. Webb, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., Major W. MacD. MacDowall.

The following officers retire receiving a gratuity: Major G. E. Ferguson, Captains D. W. John, M.C., R. N. Porritt.

Captain E. Davies is placed on the half-pay list on account of ill health, June 9th, 1922 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, June 16th, 1922).

The Christian names of Captain Alastair Caulfield Jebb are as now described and not as printed in the *London Gazette* of May 19th, 1914, September 3rd, 1914, July 26th, 1915, January 10th, 1917, April 2nd, 1918, July 25th, 1918, and March 31st, 1919.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

The following officers are granted short service commissions in the ranks stated: Flight Lieutenant J. C. Osburne, Flying Officer V. S. Ewing.

Flying Officer T. A. G. Hudson is granted a short service commission, retaining his present substantive rank and seniority.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

To be Honorary Surgeons to the King (February 14th): Col. Close, vice Hon. Col. Sir W. R. Hooper, K.C.S.I. (deceased); Col. W. G. Pridmore, C.M.G., vice Major-General P. S. Turnbull (deceased).

Lieut.-Col. S. Hunt granted combined leave for twelve months (March 3rd).

Major R. B. Lloyd, M.B., granted leave for two months from April 24th.

Lieut.-Col. C. A. Sprawson, C.I.E., has been confirmed in the appointment of Principal, King George's Medical College, Lucknow, from November 8th, 1921.

Major R. H. Bolt to act as Principal of the King Edward Medical College, Lahore, in addition to his own duties during absence on leave of Lieut.-Col. H. Ainsworth.

Capt. H. G. Alexander to act as Professor of Ophthalmology in addition to his own duties, April 18th.

Lieutenants to be Captains: M. S. Ullah, M.C., H. R. Cursetji, N. M. P. Dotivala, M.C., A. N. Sharma, C. C. Ittycheria, A. D. Logandan, S. C. Alagapan, A. K. Sahibzada, H. Das, G. V. R. Mohan.

The following temporary officers have been appointed permanently to the service: H. R. Cursetji, N. M. P. Dotivala, M.C., A. N. Sharma, C. C. Ittycheria, A. D. Logandan, S. C. Alagapan, A. K. Sahibzada, H. Das, S. D. S. Greval, R. I. Advani, G. V. R. Mohan.

Lieut.-Col. G. D. Franklin, O.B.E., granted leave for four months from February 16th.

Major S. R. Christophers, C.I.E., O.B.E., granted combined leave for thirteen months from April 1st.

The services of Major H. E. Stranger Leathes have been placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner of Delhi from March 7th for appointment as Health Officer, Imperial City, Delhi.

The King has approved the resignation of Capt. C. Burnham (February 14th).

Major H. W. Pierpoint, O.B.E., posted as Agency Surgeon, Bushire, from March 24th.

Col. J. K. Close granted combined leave for six months and seventeen days from April 21st.

Lieut.-Col. A. W. R. Cochrane to officiate as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, United Provinces, with effect from the date on which he assumes charge of duties.

Capt. C. N. Newton-Davis, M.C., to be Major (January 30th).

Major R. B. Seymour Sewell granted leave for five months from May 6th.

Lieut.-Col. B. H. Deare to be Major-General, C.I.E., vice Major-General W. H. B. Robinson (deceased), February 8th.

Lieut.-Col. T. A. Granger, C.M.G., to be Colonel, vice Col. J. Garvie, retired (March 24th); tenure of appointment to reckon from April 16th.

Lieut.-Col. R. McCarrison appointed temporarily to the Bacteriological Department (April 29th).

Lieut.-Col. H. Burden, C.I.E., granted the rank of Colonel on retirement.

The services of the following officers have been placed at the disposal of the Government stated from the dates indicated:

Punjab (permanently): Majors N. M. Wilson, O.B.E. (September 6th, 1921), R. A. Chambers, O.B.E. (September 6th, 1921), N. S. Sodhi, M.C. (September 7th, 1921), K. S. Singh (September 17th, 1921), and D. H. Rai, M.C. (November 12th, 1921).

Madras (permanently): Major R. E. Wright of the Bacteriological Department.

Bihar and Orissa: Major F. J. Kolapore (temporarily) with effect from date on which he assumed charge of Jail Department; Major A. S. M. Peebles (replaced), March 24th.

Assam: Major H. E. Shortt (temporarily) for appointment as acting Director, Pasteur Institute, Shillong (May 1st).

Bombay: Major J. Morison (April 4th).

Burma: Major G. G. Jolly, C.I.E., for employment as Assistant Director of Public Health (March 7th), Major R. E. Flowerdew (temporarily) for employment in Jail Department.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The following officers having attained the age limit are retired and retain their rank, except where otherwise stated:—Colonels, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform: W. Coates, C.B., C.B.E., V.D., T.D., C. Averill, V.D., H. D. Brook, V.D.; Major R. Corfe, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; Major W. E. Miles, T.D., and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with permission to wear the prescribed uniform; Major G. D. E. Jones and W. C. Macaulay; Captain T. J. T. McHattie, and is granted the rank of Major; Captains R. T. Caesar, M.C., L. L. Preston, G. Scott, M.C., G. H. L. Whale, W. H. Dickinson, J. H. Jones, and A. R. Spencer.

The following officers relinquish their commissions and retain their rank except where otherwise stated: Captains L. P. Harris, M.C., and K. D. Wilkinson, O.B.E., and are granted the rank of Major: Captains W. B. Stewart, G. B. Pritchard, H. W. Weir, G. C. Williams, R. A. Kerr, M.C., J. P. Race.

Captain P. T. Rutherford, O.B.E., relinquishes his commission and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

T. C. McKenzie to be Lieutenant.

General Hospitals.—Captain A. J. Drew having attained the age limit is retired and retains the rank of Captain.

Sanitary Service.—Major L. R. Tosswell, O.B.E., relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Major. Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel) W. Butler relinquishes his commission and retains his rank.

Captain H. E. S. Richards, M.C., to be Major, and remains seconded.

To be Captains: Captain G. S. Phillips (late R.A.M.C.), with precedence as from September 9th, 1918, Captain A. A. Watson (late R.A.M.C.), with precedence as from May 18th, 1919.

Captain A. C. M. Savage, from T.A.Res., to be Captain, with precedence as from April 1st, 1915.

VACANCIES.

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—Lectureship in Bacteriology. Salary, £600 per annum.

BARNSLEY AND WAKEFIELD JOINT SANATORIUM.—Assistant Tuberculosis Officer for the Borough and Resident Medical Officer at the Mount Vernon Sanatorium Salary, £400 per annum.

BARNSTAPLE: NORTH DEVON INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £170 per annum.

BATH: ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician. (2) Junior House-Surgeon (males). Salary, £180 and £150 per annum respectively.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £450 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Casualty Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: RUBERY HILL AND HOLLYMOOR MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Two Junior Assistant Medical Officers. Salary, £350 per annum, increasing to £400.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—Professor of Pathology. Stipend, £1,000 a year.

BOOTLE BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

BRADFORD: ROYAL EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.—Honorary Aural Surgeon.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £150 per annum.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £130 per annum.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Physician to Out-patients.

DONCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £220 and £175 per annum respectively.

EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 and £40 per annum respectively.

EDINBURGH ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Four Honorary Resident Medical Officers.

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

EXMINSTER: DEVON MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Third Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £300 per annum, rising to £350.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION.—Assistant House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £150 per annum.

HACKNEY UNION.—District Medical Officers. Salary, £80 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Two House-Physicians. Honorarium, £50 for six months.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

KING EDWARD VII WELSH NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.—Second Assistant Resident Medical Officer at the North Wales Sanatorium, near Denbigh. Salary, £250 per annum.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY. — (1) Resident Ophthalmic Officer. (2) Ophthalmic and Aural House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 and £50 respectively.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £150 per annum, rising to £200.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—Lecturer in Pathology. Salary, £500 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum. (2) Honorary Radiologist.

MANCHESTER: COUNTY ASYLUM, Prestwich.—Locumtenent. Salary, £8 8s. a week.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Physicians. (2) House-Surgeons. (3) House-Surgeon to the Aural, Gynaecological, and Ophthalmic Departments. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Assistant Medical Officer for Children, Out-patient Department. Salary, £100 per annum.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SOUTH-EAST LONDON, Greenwich Road, S.E.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum each.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.—Junior Medical Officers at (1) Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Mosside, Maghull; (2) Harrowby Camp, Grantham; (3) Knotty Ash, Liverpool. Salary, £350 per annum.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART, Westmoreland Street, W.1.—Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM CITY.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Bagthorpe Institution and Infirmary. Salary, £300 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

READING: ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL. — House-Physician. Salary, £200 per annum.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL, S.W.—Resident Medical Officer (male) for the Convalescent Branch, Copse Hill, Wimbledon. Salary at the rate of £300 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY. — Ophthalmic House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

SOUTH AFRICA: FREERE HOSPITAL, East London. — Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £350 per annum, rising to £400, with certain fees approximately amounting to £250 to £300.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

STOKE-ON-TRENT: NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill.—Additional House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum.

SWANSEA GENERAL AND EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £200 per annum.

TICEHURST HOUSE MENTAL HOSPITAL, Ticehurst.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £400 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £180 per annum.

WEST HAM UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Forest Gate Sick Home. Salary, £350 per annum, rising to £400.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Honorary Medical Radiographer.

WEST RIDING COUNTY ASYLUM, Wadsley, near Sheffield. — Fourth Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £400 per annum, rising to £500.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, S.W. — (1) Assistant House-Physician. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Honorarium at the rate of £52 per annum each.

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £175 per annum.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

BEVERS, E. C., M.B., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for County Court Circuit No. 36.

DANNETT, R. M., M.B., B.S.Lond., Assistant Medical Superintendent to Camberwell Infirmary, London, S.E.5.

GIBSON, Hy. J. C., M.D.Edin., Medical Superintendent, Dundee Royal Infirmary, vice H. E. Fraser, M.D.Edin., deceased.

MCCULLAGH, W. McK. H., D.S.O., M.C., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Resident Medical Officer to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—L. R. King, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for the Stow-on-the-Wold District, co. Gloucester; E. StClair Gainer, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for the Thrapston District, co. Northampton.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—General meeting of Fellows, Tues., 5 p.m. *Section of Dermatology:* Thurs., 4.30 p.m., Cases.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—Wed., 5 p.m., Mr. Victor Bonney: Myomectomy as opposed to Hysterectomy.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Dr. Thompson: Dwarfs.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.12.—Wed., 4 p.m., Dr. Wyard: Investigation of Obscure Cases of Sudden Death.

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Diary of the Association.

JULY.

14 Fri. East York and North Lincoln Branch, Annual Meeting, Withernsea.
Essex Branch, Annual Meeting, Palace Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, 2.30 p.m.; Lunch, 1.30 p.m.
North Carnarvon and Anglesey Division, Bangor.
18 Tues. Chichester and Worthing Division, Worthing Hospital, 4 p.m. Second Meeting, Warne's Hotel, 6.30 p.m.; Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
19 Wed. Harrogate Division: Fountains Abbey, Ripon, 4 to 6 p.m.
20 Thurs. Guildford Division, Annual Meeting, Royal Surrey County Hospital, 4.30 p.m. Executive Committee, 4 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Glasgow.

21 Fri. Annual Representative Meeting, Bute Hall, University, 10 a.m.
Extraordinary General Meeting, Bute Hall, 4.45 p.m.
22 Sat. Annual Representative Meeting, Bute Hall, 9.30 a.m.
24 Mon. Council Meeting, Randolph Hall, University, 9 a.m.
Annual Representative Meeting, Bute Hall, 9.30 a.m.
25 Tues. Annual Representative Meeting, Bute Hall, 9.30 a.m.
Annual General Meeting, Bute Hall, 2 p.m.
Adjourned Annual General Meeting and President's Address, Bute Hall, 8 p.m.
26 Wed. Council Meeting, Randolph Hall, University, 9 a.m.
Meetings of Sections, 10 a.m.
Conference of Honorary Secretaries, Debating Hall, University Union, 2 p.m.
Secretaries' Dinner, University Union, 6.30 p.m.
27 Thurs. National Temperance League Breakfast, 8.15 a.m.
Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 9 a.m.
Meetings of Sections, 10 a.m.
Honorary Graduation Ceremony, Bute Hall, 1 to 2.30 p.m.
Annual Dinner of the Association, 7.30 p.m.
28 Fri. Meetings of Sections, 10 a.m.
Popular Lecture, 8 p.m.
29 Sat. Whole-day excursions. Early application should be made to the Honorary Local General Secretary of the Meeting, 22, Sandyford Place, Glasgow, W.

The Annual Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, Electro-Medical Apparatus, Drugs, Foods, etc., will be held in the Kelvin Hall from Tuesday, July 25th, to Friday, July 28th, inclusive.

The programme of the work of the Sections of the Annual Meeting at Glasgow was printed at p. 9 et seq. of the SUPPLEMENT *of July 8th, and will appear again next week.*

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

ALLEN.—On 5th July, 1922, at 10, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, to the wife of Capt. C. H. P. Allen, I.M.S.—a daughter.

MEYER.—On Saturday, July 8th, at Preston Hall, Aylesford, Kent, the wife of Dr. R. G. Meyer, of a daughter.

WOODRUFF.—On June 26th, 1922, at Bosham House, Southsea, the wife of Dr. D. Winthrop Woodruff, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

TILLYARD—TILBURY.—On the 8th July, at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, Frederick Edward Tillyard, M.B., youngest son of the late John J. Tillyard of Norwich, to Minnie, youngest daughter of the late John Tilbury of Sheardown, Hampshire.

WALKER—HUMPHREYS.—At St. Andrew's Church, Wraysbury, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. L. F. Hake, Captain Herbert Walker, M.C., R.A.M.C., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walker, Dunira, Osborne Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Dorothy, youngest daughter of the late F. L. Humphreys, of Montevideo, Uruguay, S. America, and Mrs. Humphreys.

DEATHS.

AUDEN.—On June 3rd, of blackwater fever, at Alexandra, Kenya Colony, Reginald, only son of F. T. Auden, M.D.Edin., and Mrs. Auden, late of Rustenburg, Transvaal, in his 23rd year.

SPOONER.—On June 25th, William Casswell Spooner, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. and L.S.A.Lond., of Blandford, aged 46. Interred at Blandford Cemetery.

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